

Minutes of the National Validation of the National REDD+ Roadmap for Mongolia

Venue: 6th Floor meeting room, UN House, Ulaanbaatar

Date: 5 June 2014, Thursday, 9:00-13:30

Facilator: Mr. Ts.Banzragch, Director of Division of Forest Conservation and Reforestation Management, MEGD and UN-REDD Programme Operational Focal Point

Objectives:

- To present the National REDD+ Roadmap for Mongolia to participants and obtain their feedbacks.
- To reach an agreement on validation of Mongolia's National REDD+ Roadmap.

Notes of the validation workshop:

A total of 50 participants representing different stakeholders including government ministries, NGOs, CSOs, development partners, media, academia and forest groups came together to validate Mongolia's National REDD+ Roadmap. The validation workshop was opened by Mr. Ts. Banzragch, MEGD and Mr. Thomas Eriksson, Deputy Resident Representative, UNDP Mongolia. Mr. Banzragch noted the importance of the event, expressed his hope for a positive outcome of the meeting and urged the participants to provide inputs to the document. Mr. T.Eriksson highlighted the priorities of the readiness process and importance of aligning the REDD+ initiative with a national green development strategy, thanked the stakeholders for their active collaboration throughout the process and expressed his hope for the expanded collaboration in implementation of the programme in the future, as well.

During the workshop, the stakeholder groups discussed and reviewed the REDD+ readiness process since Mongolia became a partner to the UN-REDD programme in 2011. At the same time, the participants were provided with opportunities to provide inputs to the programme to be submitted and presented at the UN-REDD Policy Board meeting to take place on 8-9 July 2014 in Lima, Peru (See Annex 1 for Workshop programme).

The National REDD+ Roadmap was presented in detail (Introduction of four Components, Proposed institutional arrangements to manage REDD+ readiness process, Proposed results' framework of the Roadmap) and the participants worked on the validation of the National REDD+ Roadmap in 4 groups (Annex 2):

- Group 1: National REDD+ management arrangements and stakeholder awareness and effective engagement (facilitated by Ms. B. Bunchingiv, Environment Team Leader, UNDP)
- Group 2: National REDD+ strategy (facilitated by Mr. Ts. Banzragch, MEGD)
- Group 3; Forest reference emissions levels and forest reference levels (facilitated by Ms. B. Enkhtsetseg, UNDP/FAO)
- Group 4: National forest monitoring system and safeguards information system (facilitated by Ms. D. Khandarmaa, Coordinator for Environmental Governance Project, UNDP/MEGD)

The workshop continued by presentation of summaries of the Break Out Group Discussions and Participant's overall feedback.

The Main Outcomes of the discussions are as the following:

- Importance of involving scientists and researchers as a part of advisory and technical working groups was highlighted, as well as of an appropriate representation of the forestry NGOs and professional companies in the process.
- For capacity building for RELs/RLs (Component 3), it is advisable that the majority of resources allocated in the first two years, as capacity development activities would be predominantly undertaken during that period of time. More specifically, allocations for activity 3.1.1 are proposed to be distributed as 47%, 33% and 20% for three years, instead of equal distribution within three years.
- To promote clarity of understanding through translation into the Mongolian language, a glossary of REDD+ terminologies need to be developed in the Mongolian language and added to the REDD+ Roadmap as an annex once Roadmap is presented at UN-REDD Policy Board. In this regard, a number of improvements were proposed into the Mongolian version of the Results framework.

Specific recommendations for re-formulation and amendment of the Results Framework are tabulated as below.







OUTCOME	ACTIVITY	
	PRESENT VERSION	RECOMMENDATIONS
Outputs 2b: 1) Identification of strategies to reduce D&D	2.b.1 Conduct studies and consultations to identify the top three drivers of deforestation and forest degradation and strategies to address them;	2.b.1 Conduct studies and consultations to identify the major drivers of deforestation and forest degradation and strategies to address them
Output 2c.1 National Fund Management and Mechanism for Distribution of Positive Incentives	2.c.1 Assess existing systems for financial management and distribution (e.g., micro-finance, national pension and healthcare schemes, etc.)	2.c.1 Assess existing systems for financial management and distribution (e.g., fee for using natural resources , micro-finance, national pension and healthcare schemes, etc.)
Output 2c.4 REDD+ Social and Environmental Safeguard Policy Framework	2.c.4 Prepare options paper and recommendations on positive incentive sharing mechanism, drawing on lessons from Human Development Fund	2.c.4 Prepare options paper and recommendations on positive incentive sharing mechanism
Output 3.2 Historical data assessed	3.2.2 Annual emissions calculated using emission factors from national forest monitoring system (Component 4).	3.2.2 Annual emissions calculated using emission factors from national forest monitoring system based on country's historical data (Component 4).









We, the participants of the validation meeting, understand that the revised document following today's recommendation will be shared with us right after the document is shared with the UN-REDD Policy Board for a mandatory external review. Based on the above, we are pleased with the scope of our involvement in Mongolia's REDD+ Readiness preparation. We look forward to a successful implementation of the programme. We hope the implementing partners will work effectively for long-term sustainability of REDD+ in Mongolia. Taking into account that the above recommendations will be included in the revised version of REDD+ Readiness Roadmap, we validate it for submission and presentation at the UN-REDD Policy Board meeting on 8-9 July 2014.

This Validation Workshop Minutes was presented clearly to all of us here in UN conference hall, UN house. We hereby agree with text of the minutes to be signed.









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NATIONAL WORKSHOP TO VALIDATE THE NATIONAL REDD+ ROADMAP FOR MONGOLIA

Thursday, 05 May 2014, Ulaanbaatar

9:00 AM – 01:30 PM

Workshop Agenda

Workshop objectives:

- To present the National REDD+ Roadmap for Mongolia to participants and obtain feedbacks
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Facilitator: **Mr. Ts.Banzragch**, Director of Division of Forest Conservation and Reforestation Management, MEGD and UN-REDD Programme Operational Focal Point

TIME	SESSION	PRESENTER / FACILITATOR
8:30 – 9:00	Registration	
9:00 – 9:15	Opening remarks	Mr J.Batbold , State Secretary of the MEGD and UN-REDD Programme Political Focal Point Mr T. Eriksson , Deputy Resident Representative, UNDP Mongolia
9:15 – 9:30	Purpose and Process of National REDD+ Roadmap validation and next steps	Ms. B.Bunchingiv Environment Team Leader, UNDP Mongolia
9:30 – 10:10	Overview of the National REDD+ Roadmap <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction of four Components• Proposed institutional arrangements to manage REDD+ readiness process• Proposed results' framework of the Roadmap	Mr. Ts.Banzragch Director of Division of Forest Conservation and Reforestation Management, MEGD and UN-REDD Programme Operational Focal Point
10:10 – 10:30	Questions and Answers	Mr. Ts.Banzragch
10:30 – 10:50	TEA&COFFEE BREAK	

TIME	SESSION	PRESENTER / FACILITATOR
10:50 – 11.50	Break Out Group Discussions on National REDD+ Roadmap (4 groups) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National REDD+ management arrangements and stakeholder awareness and effective engagement • National REDD+ strategy • Forest reference emissions levels and forest reference levels • National forest monitoring system and safeguards information system 	Group work facilitators
11:50 – 12:30	Presentations and Summary of the Break Out Group Discussions	Group presenters
12:30 – 12:50	Participants' discussion and feedback	Mr Ts. Banzragch
12:50 – 13:10	Presentation of the workshop minutes and signing of the minutes	Group work facilitators
13:10 -13:30	Closing remarks	Mr J.Batbold
13:40	LUNCH	

Annex 2: Break Out Group work participants

<u>Group no.</u>	<u>Outcome</u>	<u>Facilitator</u>	<u>Group members</u>
1	Outcome 1: NATIONAL REDD+ MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS ESTABLISHED	Bunchingiv.B	1. Enkhjargal 2. Erdenebat 3. Ariuntuya 4. Altantsatsral 5. Ganbaatar 6. Oyungerel 7. Bunchingiv
2	OUTCOME 2: NATIONAL REDD+ STRATEGY PREPARED	Gantulga	8. Gantulga 9. Sainbayar 10. Dash 11. Davaanyambuu 12. Ganbat.R 13. Oyuntsetseg 14. Norovsambuu 15. Banzragch 16. Tserenzaya
3	OUTCOME 3: FOREST REFERENCE EMISSIONS LEVELS AND FOREST REFERENCE LEVELS DEVELOPED	Enkhtsetseg	17. Saruul 18. Undarmaa 19. Tegshjargal 20. Ariunaa 21. Amarmaa 22. Purevsuren 23. Ichinkhorloo 24. Gerelt-Od 25. Munkhjargal 26. Dorjsuren 27. Bayarsaikhan 28. Enkhjargal 29. Enkhtsetseg
4	OUTCOME 4: NATIONAL FOREST MONITORING SYSTEM AND SAFEGAURDS INFORMATION SYSTEM DEVELOPED	Khandarmaa	30. Munkhjargal 31. Erdene 32. Oyunaa 33. Chinzorig 34. Erdenebat 35. Boldbaatar 36. Otgonsuren 37. Erdenebat 38. Khandarmaa